



# ASSOCIATION OF MAINE REALTORS®

Your Real Estate Experts

## **MAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTIONS:**

The following are among actions at the February 7 MAR Board of Directors meeting:



- Approved the MAR Legislative Committee recommended priority positions for legislative bills
- Approved an application to NAR for an Issues Mobilization Grant for REALTOR® Rally
- Approved the 2024 Officers and Trustees for the York County Council of the Maine Association of REALTORS®
- Approved a 2024 budget amendment for a two-year agreement with FiscalNote/Curate
- Approved disbursement from the MAR Issues Fund for a corporate investment in the Maine Association of REALTORS® Corporate PAC

Reminder: You can view [MAR's legislative bill tracking report here](#) (password: codeofethics)



## **THE YEAR AHEAD SURVEY:**

Please respond to this three-question survey and let us know about the biggest issue facing your real estate business in 2024

[Complete Short Survey](#)

## **ZIPFORMS – NEW FORM EDITOR IN MARCH:**

Lonewolf Zipforms is fully migrating to their updated forms editor in early March for Maine. The “Form Editor Classic” will be sunset. You have had access to the new forms editor for months (displays the editor options upon login), many members are already using, and new REALTOR® members with first time activations have not been given the option of “Forms Editor Classic” since mid-2023. Now is the time to begin transitioning to the new forms editor while you still have access to the Classic



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- Lincoln County Council
- Merrymeeting Council
- Western Maine Council

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version for urgent matters.

Here are some resources to assist with the transition:

- [Quick Start Guide](#)
- [New Form Editor Basics \(3 mins\)](#)
- [New Form Editor Advanced \(4 mins\)](#)
- [How To Use \(11 mins\)](#)

## **INTRO TO SUSTAINABILITY AND FINANCE:**

Learn about energy efficient features and increase your confidence around financing options for home performance upgrades. This is a no-cost, one-hour, self-paced training (second of a three-part series) developed by the National Association of REALTORS®. [Access your learning here](#)



Watch the [first of the series \(no-cost, one-hour, self-paced\)](#), “Intro to Sustainability & Resiliency: What REALTORS® Need to Know” now.

Training #3 of the series is coming soon!



## **PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY: ABSENTEE VOTING HAS BEGUN - EVEN FOR UNENROLLED VOTERS!**

Voters who want to cast an absentee ballot before Maine’s March 5 Presidential

Primary Election can do so now. You can request an absentee ballot or vote early absentee at your local town office.

For this election and forward, Maine will transition from being a Closed Primary state to a Semi-Open Primary state. Prior to 2024, only voters enrolled in a political party could vote in that party’s primary election. Unenrolled voters could not participate in a party primary unless the voter enrolled in the party.

Beginning in 2024, unenrolled voters now have the option to vote in any party primary without having to enroll in the party. Unenrolled voters may only vote in one party’s primary (i.e., select either the Democratic or Republican party ballot in March).

Voters enrolled in a party must vote that party’s primary ballot. Enrolled voters do not have the option to select another party’s ballot unless they change enrollment at least 15 days prior to the primary.

Voters who are enrolled in qualified parties that are not conducting primaries (i.e., Green Independent in the March 5 Presidential Primary) cannot participate in the

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primary, unless they unenroll or change enrollment to a party which has a primary election at least 15 days prior to the Primary.

**Bottom line:** Something new! If you're an unenrolled voter, you can choose to vote a Democratic or Republican ballot in the primary without enrolling in that political party.

### **MAR REALTOR RALLY IS APRIL 2!**

Maine REALTORS® will be rallying our Maine legislators at the Maine State House and virtually on April 2! More details soon. For now, save the date!



### **REALTOR® RALLY - MOBILE ALERTS:**

Be ready for MAR's REALTOR® Rally! Text REALTORS to 30644 or [click here to enroll in mobile alerts](#). For a convenient way to participate in our Rally, or when a state or national REALTOR® call for action is launched, you can take action from your cell phone.

### **NAR CEO NYKIA WRIGHT VIDEO:**

For members and a wider consumer audience, National Association of REALTORS® CEO Nykia Wright sets the record straight on NAR and how commissions work in real estate. Feel free to share the video on your social channels.

Setting the Record Straight



Learn more about how NAR and REALTOR® Associations promote homeownership through efficient, transparent, and accessible marketplaces at [www.competition.realtor](http://www.competition.realtor)

# An Inside Look: Modular Building Options

- Site-built vs Modular & HUD homes
- Modular Pre-construction process
- Virtual factory tour
- Delivery & Site Erection

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**FEBRUARY 13**  
**12PM-1PM**

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LUNCH & LEARN



## **LUNCH AND LEARN-FEBRUARY 13:**

Join us next **Tuesday, February 13th** from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. as we host Thatcher Butcher, President of KSB Builders. KSB Builders is the only modular manufacturer of homes in Maine, located in South Paris. Grab some lunch and join us via Zoom to learn more! Bring your questions too.

**Register Now!**

Connect with us!



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